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1. The reply filed on February 2, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The applicant elected group I, claims 1-20, without traverse but did not elect the specie and the claims directed to the elected specie. As mentioned on page 3 of the previous office action applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits and a listing of all claims readable thereon. See 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ishwar B Patel whose telephone number is (703) 305 2617. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30 - 4) First Friday Off.


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